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The Bulletin has the largest circulation of any paper in Eastern Connecticut, and from three to four times larger than that of any in Norwich. It is delivered to over 3,000 of the 4,000 houses in Norwich, and read by nine-tenths of the people. In Wadsworth it is delivered to over 800 houses. In Putnam and Danielson to over 1,200, and in all of these places it is considered the local daily.

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TAFT AS A QUIET FORCE.

President Taft has called his party leaders and they have responded. The day of silly wrangling, it is conceded by the democrats, is at an end. It required no distinct noise like the belling of a swarm of bees seeking new quarters, but just that calm and quiet direction for which the president is noted. He pointed to the party promises and the party purposes and the disappointed constituency and inquired why these vital measures in which the people are so intensely interested were being delayed and then called attention to what might be the result of parties bickering and foolishness, and even the democrats admitted that the postal savings bank bill and other important measures are likely to be passed during the present session.

This is a session which cannot afford to show to the people on the day of adjournment a budget of failures. The people of this country are alive to the abuses from which they are suffering as never before and the spirit of resentment that is manifesting itself in all parts of the country should be correctly interpreted and promptly responded to, or the ruling party will surely have to go.

THE BALLINGER INQUIRY.

It is to be hoped that the minority will be represented upon the investigating committee appointed to look into the charges made against Secretary Ballinger, for the simple reason that an open and fair investigation requires their presence and because the people are in no mood to brook any of the partisan performances in which white-wash is more than the sharpest and open inquiry. If Congressman Rainey is not satisfactory to the republicans some other member may be appointed; and if the opposition should decline to supply a substitute, it should be made clear that the fault with Rainey is the only inquiry and report which will satisfy the whole country is one that is made by a committee representing both parties; and it will be a mistake to have out even the least acceptable democrats under present conditions.

The people are not only demanding that things shall be done but that they shall be done right. They want no more such disgraceful inquiries as the submarine boat inquiry, which screened corruption by misrepresentation and lambasting the promoter of the inquiry.

FOR HEALTH AND BETTER RESULTS.

The movement is Chicago for cooler schoolrooms and fresh air is primarily for health, which under any system means improvement in every direction.

William E. Watt, the Chicago school principal who is campaigning for the ventilation and against the overheating of schools, says that the average city school promotes the state of short collars. He affirms that the warm, dry air of the crowded school produces dullness, and that if he wanted to bring up a boy as a fool he would send him to a school in which such conditions prevailed. He wants cooler rooms, with plenty of fresh air, even if it necessitates the wearing of their street clothes by the children while they are coming their tasks. "This is plain talk, and it is sensible talk. The value of perfect ventilation is not generally understood, and wherever children or adults assemble plentiful air is breathed. This Chicago movement ought to lead to improved conditions of temperature wherever children study or people are assembled for work."

NO LACK OF CANDIDATES.

There is no lack of candidates for the speakership of the lower house of congress, and perhaps one reason why the party leaders do not care to see a change is because of the many-sided contest which will be created by a vacancy. It is said Minnesota is likely to present two candidates, Jewett and Stevens; and Pennsylvania two, Dalzell and Olmstead; likewise New York, Seneca E. Payne and J. Sloot Fassett.

Among other members mentioned as possibilities are Hill of Connecticut, Weeks, Call and Gardner of Massachusetts, and Diekmann of Michigan. Mann of Illinois and Wright of Iowa also are spoken of.

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Where sidewalks are left slippery in Vermont, they recognize that it takes special language to properly characterize them.

THE CARNEGIE HERO PENSION.

The Carnegie hero hunters are coming in for sharp criticism by the press and the award of medals is being subjected to ridicule. The Baltimore American says: "The Carnegie hero hunters have come in the brave line when Carnegie agents go up and down the land snaring for decoration every fellow who does a deed of fellow-feeling! Surely if one dives into five feet of water to rescue a child, or a poor thing in no more dangerous pastime than plucking lilies with a crab net, or if he happens to discover some fellow mortal actually upon the brink of eternity and hooks him back to safety, why in the name of conscience should this be held up against him? Why should he be made a Carnegie pensioner to the extent of a Carnegie badge, or why should a raft of special agents go nosing about his affairs to discover whether or not he can be given a lift out of the quagmire of debt? Have things come to such a pass that no one can stub his toe without someone else rushing to assist him in the capacity of a Carnegie life-saver?"

This is a very good example of the way a meritorious work is regarded by many writers for the press. Here in eastern Connecticut are one or two families who are pensioners on the Carnegie "hero fund," because the man of the house lost his life in attempting to avert disaster or prevent harm to others, and what could be more humanly than to commend him than the giving of \$25 or \$30 a month for life to the widow and \$5 a month for each child until each child has become self-supporting? This seems to be a good use of money.

After a man has done a valiant deed for another, believing that "virtue is its own reward," it is not to the discredit of receiver or donor if a gold medal is given in recognition of bravery, or a mortgage paid off the poor man's house.

The Bulletin regards this work as the very best which Andrew Carnegie has yet devoted his millions to.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

January has shown us that it can have a few days like May if it sets itself to work for it.

Richard Harding Davis' matrimonial affairs are getting extremely sensational, if his novels are not.

President Taft knows how to stand for the American people, and he has no doubt of their loyalty to him.

The decision in Thaw's case appears to be that "if he is not crazy he is richly deserved to be made crazy."

Recent decisions of some of the American judges have led up to the conclusion that even mercy is sometimes spayed.

The beef boycott is likely to show a great many consumers how unnecessary to their well-being their daily meat really is.

Wall street will never lose its taste for lamb, whatever the price in the market. It yearns for lambs and gets them every day.

A western professor of a private institution was smart enough to kidnap the faculty and all the pupils and transfer them to another town.

The Chapman evangelists are stirring up Portland, Me., and the Alexander team is devoting itself to the improvement of Providence, R. I.

The Irish members now hold the balance of power in the house of commons, and they ought to realize upon the power as well as their hopes.

Happy thought for today: A missing suspender button will sometimes cover a man worse than a sheriff who is trying to serve a writ upon him.

When pork is only two cents higher than when it was retailed for fourteen cents a pound, it does not seem clear why it should now be eighteen cents.

Mr. Halley's comet has quite likely been in society before, so it will not mind the lesser lights that are showing up just now within the earth's orbit.

Theodore Roosevelt is to be the guest of Kaiser Wilhelm just as a private citizen. Good American citizens are all worthy royal entertainment.

A Maryland paper calls attention to the fact that there are various ways of losing a state treasury, and more clerks than are needed to do the work is one of them.

The Norwich Salvation Army sign reads: "Drunk or sober, Welcome!" That is the only place where a jag finds a welcome in the state, unless it is at police headquarters.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Way to Win Out.

Mr. Editor: I would like to say a few words in regard to the commendable efforts of the Chicago school principal who is campaigning for the ventilation and against the overheating of schools, says that the average city school promotes the state of short collars. He affirms that the warm, dry air of the crowded school produces dullness, and that if he wanted to bring up a boy as a fool he would send him to a school in which such conditions prevailed. He wants cooler rooms, with plenty of fresh air, even if it necessitates the wearing of their street clothes by the children while they are coming their tasks. "This is plain talk, and it is sensible talk. The value of perfect ventilation is not generally understood, and wherever children or adults assemble plentiful air is breathed. This Chicago movement ought to lead to improved conditions of temperature wherever children study or people are assembled for work."

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Views of an Old-Fashioned Housekeeper.

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THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

STRIKING A BALANCE

The colonel's whiskers were quivering with indignation as he entered the Green Star grocery and addressed the proprietor.

"Sir," said the battle-scarred veteran, "I have received from you a communication in which you state that you want to balance your books at the beginning of the year, and you say that if I'll drop in and settle my account, the insolence of you tradespeople is something to be ashamed of. What has my account to do with the balancing of your books? You have plenty of scales in your store; if you should want to balance your books, you should want to balance them with the truth, and you don't need to bother about letting me know what they weigh."

"You don't seem to understand, colonel," your account has been standing for ten months, and now you want to balance it. Then why didn't you offer it a chair and let it sit down? The lower classes seem to have no conception of common courtesy. Instead of writing foolish letters to me about balancing your books, like some confounded Japanese juggler, you should be employed taking correspondence-school lessons in politeness. If I saw a tired customer standing around my store, I would take the rocking chair and remove my bonnet and stay awhile."

"I think we have treated you right, colonel," he never yet saw you a reminder, although your account has been running for ten months."

"A few minutes ago you said you were standing and now you say it was running. Sir, your claims would be repudiated by the University of Copeland, or any other university. You will be telling me next, I suppose, that the account has been doing grand and lofty things for ten months, or that it has been performing on the horizontal bar, or shooting the chutes. You should furnish that account with a trick pony and leave it to spend their lives and earnings in Waterbury, have done much to give the city a place among the most prosperous in the country."

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